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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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Art Unit: 2612

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For: IMAGE READING DEVICE WITH REDUCED VARIATIONS AMONG  
SIGNAL LEVELS (As Amended)

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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This paper is filed in reply to the Office Action dated December 1, 2005.

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